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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

KC Hydo LLC of New Hampshire

Project No. 14244-000

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING APPLICATIONS

On August 5, 2011, KC Hydo LLC of New Hampshire filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Alton Dam Hydropower Project (Alton Dam Project or project) to be located on Merrymeeting River, near the Town of Alton, Belknap County, New Hampshire. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) the existing 190-footlong, 16-foot-high Alton dam, which is owned by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and includes a 85-foot-long concrete spillway; (2) an existing 720 square acre impoundment; (3) a newly constructed powerhouse; (4) new electrical generating equipment with total hydraulic capacity of 160 cubic feet per second (cfs) and total installed generating capacity of 0.16 megawatts connected to a rehabilitated 60-inch-diameter penstock; (5) rehabilitated intake gate structure and trash racks; (6) a newly excavated 200-foot-long tailrace; (7) an approximately 500-foot-long transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Alton Dam Project would be 0.650 gigawatt-hours (GWH).

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website

http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp">http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp</a>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at <a href="ferc.gov">FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov</a> or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp. Enter the docket number (P-14244-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: November 10, 2011

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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